

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Secretary of the Interior,
et al.,

Defendants.

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Case No. 1:96CV01285
(Judge Robertson)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF SEPTEMBER 2007 STATUS REPORT BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF TRUST RECORDS**

The Department of the Interior Office of Trust Records hereby submits its status report
for activity in September 2007. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: September 17, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on October 16, 2007 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of September 2007 Status Report by the Department of the Interior Office of Trust Records* was served by Electronic Case Filing, and on the following who is not registered for Electronic Case Filing, by facsimile:

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ACTIVITY REPORT
OFFICE OF TRUST RECORDS
September 1-30, 2007

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)

Labat reported that indexing of 1,259 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in September 2007. The total number of boxes completed through September 2007 is approximately 162,320.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 2,913 boxes of inactive records from various field locations to Lenexa, Kansas, for indexing and subsequent storage at the American Indian Records Repository (AIRR) during this reporting period.

- Site Assessments Statement

During the month of September, OTRA performed one records assessment, at the following location: Seminole Agency BIA office. OTRA issued one records assessment report, at the following location: Southern Paiute Agency BIA office.

- Records Training

In September 2007, OTR provided records management training for 18 BIA/OST records contacts. OTR provided training on vital records for 43 BIA, OST and Tribal employees.

- Equipment

15 pieces of fireproof filing equipment were delivered to Tribal offices in September 2007.

- Litigation Support and Research Requests

OTR continued to provide significant support to the Office of the Solicitor, Office of Historical Trust Accounting and its contractors, the Department of Justice and its contractors and tribal attorneys on behalf of various Tribes. AIRR staff provided responses to 418 research requests from BIA, OST and other requesters. The recent filing of numerous tribal trust litigation cases, litigation-related information and document requests pertaining to records at the AIRR continue to increase. Many of these requests have very short deadlines.

ADMINISTRATIVE: General administrative activities continued.

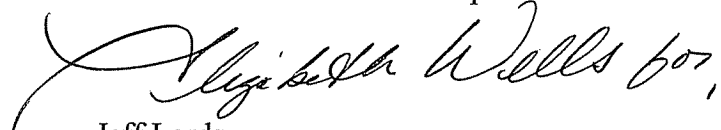
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I express no opinion on the content of the Site Assessments Statement described above.



Ethel J. Abeita

I declare under penalty of perjury that the content of the Site Assessments Statement described above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I express no opinion on the contents of other sections/subsections of the report.



Jeff Lords
Director, Office of Trust Review and Audit